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Civil Justice

Alleged collection of funds for entertainment to the hon. the Law Member.

* 2009 Q.—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Rao Bahadur A. V. Govinda Menon, District Judge, North Malabar, used his official position as a Judge for the purpose of collecting funds for the reception and entertainments to the hon. the Law Member during his visit to Tellicherry in February last, and for practically compelling some people to pay for the same;

(b) whether the District Court Sarishtadar and Mr. Narayana Kurup, the Government Pleader, and Mr. Kurup's son actually went about collecting subscriptions in Tellicherry under the influence of the District Judge, Mr. A. V. Govinda Menon; and

(c) whether the total amount collected by way of subscriptions exceeded two thousand rupees?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have no information.

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar:—"May I ask the hon. the Law Member to call for the information?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar:—"I shall consider the suggestion, Sir."

Number of temporary District Munsifs and Subordinate Judges.

* 2010 Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of temporary District Munsifs and Subordinate Judges in the Presidency during the last ten years, the places where they were located, the periods for which they were working and the periods for which they were closed and the reasons for the same; and

(b) how many of these have been made permanent and why others have not been made permanent?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government do not consider it worth while collecting the information as the labour involved is great and not commensurate with the benefit to the public gained thereby. The hon. Member is, however, referred to the annual Administration Reports on Civil Justice during the years for such information as is available there.

Forests

Resumption of reserves transferred to Panchayats in North Arcot district.

* 2011 Q.—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of the District Committee's report several reserved forests in and about Tiruvannamalai town, North Arcot district, which were originally supplying fuel to the needs of the town people, have been transferred to panchayats;

(b) whether it is a fact that the District Committee's report was vetoed as regards this matter by the Board of Revenue;